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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS,
HELD AT THE LICK OBSERVATORY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1896.

President HUSSEY presided. A quorum was present. The minutes of the last meeting were approved. The following members were duly elected:

LIST OF MEMBERS ELECTED SEPTEMBER 5, 1896.

Mr. J. H. ALBERT	Salem, Oregon.
Col. ALEX. BURTON-BROWN, R.A., F.R.A.S. {	St. George's Club, Hanover Square, London, England.
Miss GRACE H. DODGE {	262 Madison Avenue, New York, N. Y.
Prof. A. M. MATTOON {	Scott Observatory, Parkville, Missouri.
Mr. JAMES K. MOFFITT {	First National Bank, S. F., Cal.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted by the consenting votes of the Directors, namely: Messrs. HUSSEY, HOLDEN, PERRINE, MOLERA, PARDEE, EDWARDS, STRINGHAM, PIERSON, VON GELDERN, ZIEL, and Miss O'HALLORAN:

Resolved, That the Treasurer be and he hereby is authorized to withdraw from the Life Membership Fund such sums of money, not to exceed three hundred dollars, as will be necessary to pay the expenses of the General Fund, during the current fiscal year, the sums so withdrawn to be returned to the Life Membership Fund at or before the end of the present fiscal year.

MEMORANDUM ON THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE PUBLICATIONS
OF THE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF THE PACIFIC TO
CORRESPONDING INSTITUTIONS, ETC.

[Printed by order of the Board of Directors.]

The Astronomical Society of the Pacific was organized February 7, 1889. At a meeting held March 30, 1889, the following resolution was adopted by the Society:

Resolved, That the *Publications* A. S. P. be regularly sent to the following Observatories, etc., and that the Secretaries of the Society be instructed to notify them of this resolution, and to request that they exchange their publications with our own; and that the list of these Corresponding Societies and Observatories be printed in the *Publications* A. S. P.

Accordingly a first list of forty-seven such institutions was printed in Volume I, page 21, and a revised list of ninety-one institutions (authorized by the Directors on July 27, 1889) is given on page 43 of the same volume. At subsequent meetings of the Directors the list was extended and slightly changed.

At a meeting of the Society held January 25, 1890 (see *Publications* A. S. P., Volume II, page 34) Amended By-Laws were adopted, of which Section 5, Article II is:

"A certain number of Observatories, Academies of Science, Astronomical Societies, institutions of learning, etc., not to exceed one hundred, shall be designated by the Board of Directors as Correspond-

ing Institutions, and they shall receive the *Publications* of this Society in exchange or otherwise." The words "or otherwise" it may be well to note, were inserted to authorize the sending of our *Publications* to a few institutions like the Library of Congress, the British Museum, etc., which do not publish books for exchange.

In the list of our members, published each year, the names of Corresponding Institutions have been regularly printed.

From time to time the Directors have authorized the Committee on Publications to exchange the *Publications* for certain scientific journals, etc., regularly sent to the Library of the Society in San Francisco, and also to send a certain number of copies to various periodicals in California for review. Our exchanges with Corresponding Institutions have been regularly sent from Volume I (1889) to and including Volume VII (1895) enclosed in envelopes on which a request for an exchange of publications was printed. At various times the Library Committee has reported that some of the Corresponding Institutions sent their exchanges irregularly or not at all, and on June 8, 1895, the Directors requested the Library Committee to furnish the Secretaries with a list of those Corresponding Institutions which have sent none of their volumes in return for our own. (See *Publications* A. S. P., Volume VII, page 208). Such a list was accordingly prepared, and at a meeting of the Directors on November 30, 1895, it was

Resolved, That any institution that has failed to forward publications in return for those received from this Society is respectfully requested to communicate with the Secretary if a continuance of the interchange of publications be desired. (*Publications* A. S. P., Volume VIII, page 352.)

During January, 1896, the following notice was sent, by order of the President, to some of the Corresponding Institutions:

"Your attention is respectfully directed to the resolution of the Directors printed on page 352 of Volume VII of the *Publications* of this Society for 1895. By order of the President, C. D. PERRINE, F. R. ZIEL, Secretaries."

The returns from this circular have been received. After a consideration of these returns by the Board of Directors it was

Resolved, That the thanks of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific are returned to those Observatories, Scientific Societies, etc., which have enriched its library by exchanges of their publications.

Resolved, That the Board of Directors designate the following Observatories, Academies of Science, Institutions of learning, etc., as Corresponding Institutions of the Society, and that the present list supercedes all previous lists.

NOTE.—The list of Corresponding Institutions will be printed with the list of members in January, 1897.